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Utah Water Quality Task Force Meeting

April 6th, 2016

9:30-12:00

Utah Division of Water Quality

195 N. 1950 W.

Salt Lake City, Utah 84116
Red Rock Conference Room, 3rd floor

AGENDA

- 9:30-9:45** **Welcome and Introductions** (Walt Baker- *Director, Utah Division of Water Quality*)
- 9:45-10:15** **Gold King Mine Spill** (Erica Gaddis- *Utah Division of Water Quality*)
Recently a berm breached at the Gold King Mine in Colorado that allowed a large amount of water contaminated with heavy metals to enter into the Animas River, a tributary to the San Juan River. This presentation will talk about the spill, and how this has impacted water quality here in the State of Utah.
- 10:15-10:45** **Cooperative E.coli Monitoring Program** (Calah Worthen- *Utah Division of Water Quality*)
The Utah Division of Water Quality regularly uses cooperators from other agencies to collect water quality samples that can be used for assessment purposes. This presentation will talk about this monitoring program, and how it is currently functioning around the state.
- 10:45-11:15** **Soil Health and Water Quality** (- *Natural Resource Conservation Service*)
Recently the NRCS and many of their partners have been exploring the benefits of improving soil health. This can be done by improving tillage practices and planting cover crops. This presentation will discuss these practices and how they can have a direct benefit for water quality here in the State of Utah.
- 11:15-11:35** **The Division of Water Quality's Prioritization Schedule** (Carl Adams- *Utah Division of Water Quality*)
The Utah Division of Water Quality has been required to increase the number of TMDLs that are being produced each year. To assist with this planning effort, DWQ has developed a prioritization schedule highlighting which TMDLs will be developed in the next several years. This presentation will highlight this schedule.
- 11:35-12:00** **Other Items**
- DWQ now Accepting NPS Grant Applications
 - National NPS Monitoring conference

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- Status of the NPS MOU
- Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

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